

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A preferable aspect of the invention provides an image forming method, wherein the toner for electrostatic latent image development contains external additives formed from single ~~simple~~-substances or mixtures having at least two different average particle sizes, wherein at least one of the external additives is a metal oxide having an average particle size of 0.03 μm or less.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 41, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The toner for electrostatic latent image development to be used for the image forming method of the invention preferably contains one or ~~ore~~-more of external additives formed from single ~~simple~~-substances or mixtures having at least two different average particle sizes, wherein at least one of the external additives is a metal oxide having an average particle size of 0.03 μm or less. In general, a metal oxide such as silica and titania is extrapolated to the toner for electrostatic latent image development for the purpose to improve the charge property controllability and fluidity improvement. Particularly, the fluidity significantly affects the toner behavior in the inside of a developing unit and if the fluidity is low, the toner transferring to a development member such as a development roll is deteriorated to result in decrease of the toner density or occurrence of blocking in some cases.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 54, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The average particle sizes of the toners in the following description are measured by COULTER COUNTER ~~Coulter-counter~~ (trade name: TA2 model, manufactured by Beckman Coulter, Inc.). The glass transition points of the resin particles and the resins in the toner particles are measured by using a scanning differential thermometer (trade name: DSC-50, manufactured by Shimadzu Corporation) under the condition of 3°C/min temperature raising speed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 57, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After a phenol resin (trade name: PS 4152, manufactured by Gun-ei Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.) 10 parts and a poly(vinyl formal) resin (trade name: ~~Vinylex~~ VINYLEX K, manufactured by Chisso Corporation) 2 parts are sufficiently dissolved in THF (highest grade, manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 138 parts, the obtained mixture is applied to the surface of a stainless roll (diameter: 35 mm; length: 320 mm; thickness: 2mm) by a normal method. The roll is kept at 150°C for 2 hours in a thermostat and then cooled to a room temperature to produce a fusing roll (2) bearing a 25 µm-thick resin coating layer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 58, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

After a fluoro-resin (trade name: ~~Zeffle~~ ZEFFLE GK, manufactured by Daikin Industries, Ltd.) 20 parts is sufficiently dissolved in THF (highest grade, manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 40 parts, the obtained mixture is applied to the surface of a stainless roll (diameter: 35 mm; length: 320 mm; thickness: 2mm) by a normal method.

The roll is kept at 100°C for 1 hours in a thermostat and then cooled to a room temperature to produce a fusing roll (6) bearing a 30 µm-thick resin coating layer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 60, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture obtained by mixing and dissolving the above-mentioned respective components (all manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) is dispersed and emulsified in a mixture obtained by dissolving a nonionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Nonipol~~ NONIPOL 8.5, manufactured by Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts and an anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 8 parts in ion-exchanged water 600 parts in a flask and while the obtained mixture being moderately stirred for 10 minutes, ion-exchanged water 50 parts in which potassium persulfate (manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts is dissolved is added to carry out nitrogen substitution and after that, while being stirred in the flask, the contents are heated to 70°C in an oil bath and the emulsion polymerization is continued for 7 hours. After that, the reaction solution is cooled to a room temperature to obtain resin particle dispersion (1).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 61, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture obtained by mixing and dissolving the above-mentioned respective components (all manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) is dispersed and emulsified in a mixture obtained by dissolving a nonionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Nonipol~~ NONIPOL 8.5, manufactured by Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts and an anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku

Co., Ltd.) 8 parts in ion-exchanged water 580 parts in a flask and while the obtained mixture being moderately stirred for 10 minutes, ion-exchanged water 50 parts in which potassium persulfate (manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 0.4 parts is dissolved is added to carry out nitrogen substitution and after that, while being stirred in the flask, the contents are heated to 70°C in an oil bath and the emulsion polymerization is continued for 7 hours. After that, the reaction solution is cooled to a room temperature to obtain resin particle dispersion (2).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 62, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture obtained by mixing and dissolving the above-mentioned respective components (all manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) is dispersed and emulsified in a mixture obtained by dissolving a nonionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Nonipol~~ NONIPOL 8.5, manufactured by Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts and an anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 8 parts in ion-exchanged water 600 parts in a flask and while the obtained mixture being moderately stirred for 10 minutes, ion-exchanged water 50 parts in which potassium persulfate (manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 1 parts is dissolved is added to carry out nitrogen substitution and after that, while being stirred in the flask, the contents are heated to 70°C in an oil bath and the emulsion polymerization is continued for 7 hours. After that, the reaction solution is cooled to a room temperature to obtain resin particle dispersion (3).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 63, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture obtained by mixing and dissolving the above-mentioned respective components (all manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) is dispersed and emulsified in a mixture obtained by dissolving a nonionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Nonipol~~ NONIPOL 8.5, manufactured by Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts and an anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 8 parts in ion-exchanged water 600 parts in a flask and while the obtained mixture being moderately stirred for 10 minutes, ion-exchanged water 50 parts in which potassium persulfate (manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 1 parts is dissolved is added to carry out nitrogen substitution and after that, while being stirred in the flask, the contents are heated to 70°C in an oil bath and the emulsion polymerization is continued for 7 hours. After that, the reaction solution is cooled to a room temperature to obtain resin particle dispersion (4).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 64, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A mixture obtained by mixing and dissolving the above-mentioned respective components (all manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) is dispersed and emulsified in a mixture obtained by dissolving a nonionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Nonipol~~ NONIPOL 8.5, manufactured by Sanyo Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts and an anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 8 parts in ion-exchanged water 600 parts in a flask and while the obtained mixture being moderately stirred for 10 minutes, ion-exchanged water 50 parts in which potassium persulfate (manufactured by Wako Pure Chemical Industries, Ltd.) 4 parts is dissolved is

added to carry out nitrogen substitution and after that, while being stirred in the flask, the contents are heated to 70°C in an oil bath and the emulsion polymerization is continued for 7 hours. After that, the reaction solution is cooled to a room temperature to obtain resin particle dispersion (5).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 65, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of coloring agent dispersion (1)

- Carbon black (trade name: ~~Regal~~ REGAL 330, manufactured by Cabot Corporation) 50 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 150 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 65, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of coloring agent dispersion (2)

- Phthalocyanine pigment (trade name: PV FAST BLUE, manufactured by Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.) 50 parts
- Anionic ~~anionic~~ surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 150 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 66, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of coloring agent dispersion (3)

- Magenta pigment (trade name: PR 122, manufactured by Dainichiseika Color & Chemicals Mfg. Co., Ltd.) 50 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 150 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 66, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of coloring agent dispersion (4)

- Yellow pigment (trade name: PY 180, manufactured by Clariant (Japan) K.K.) 50 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 150 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 67, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of releasing agent particle dispersion (1)

- Paraffin wax (trade name: HNP-12, melting point: 67°C, manufactured by Nippon Seiro Co., Ltd.) 80 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part

- Ion-exchanged water 120 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 67, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of releasing agent particle dispersion (2)

- Sorbitan tribehenate (melting point: 70°C, manufactured by Riken Vitamin Co., Ltd.) 80 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 120 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 68, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Production of releasing agent particle dispersion (3)

- Propylene glycol laurate (melting point: 70°C, manufactured by Riken Vitamin Co., Ltd.) 80 parts
- Anionic surfactant (trade name: ~~Neogen~~ NEOGEN RK, manufactured by Dai-Ichi Kogyo Seiyaku Co., Ltd.) 1.0 part
- Ion-exchanged water 120 parts

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 100, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Styrene-acrylic resin (Mw: 32,00, manufactured by Soken Chemical & Engineering Co., Ltd.) 40 parts is mixed with carbon black (trade name: ~~Regal~~ REGAL 330, manufactured

by Cabot Corporation) 30 parts and carnauba wax 30 parts and melted and kneaded by a pressurizing type kneader to produce a resin mixture 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 102, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Image evaluation is carried out using a copying machine (trade name: ~~Modified Vivace~~ MODIFIED VIVACE 555 model as an evaluation apparatus, fusing temperature set at 180°C; manufactured by Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.); the fusing roll (1) disposed as a fusing roll; and the electrostatic latent image developer (1) as a developer.